

## A YEAR AFTER MYANMAR COUP

# Growing surveillance threatens lives

Suu Kyi to go on trial for election fraud on Feb 14; US issues sanctions

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A group of young men were recently stopped at a security checkpoint in Yangon and asked to hand over their mobile phones. After being questioned about social media apps on their phones, one was fined for using a virtual private network (VPN).

The crackdown on VPNs, which anonymise a user's Internet Protocol address and help bypass firewalls, is the latest attack on digital rights in Myanmar - alongside internet shutdowns and growing surveillance - since a military coup on February 1, 2021.

Authorities say the surveillance measures are part of a drive to improve governance and curb crime.

Fearful of being tracked, citizens have turned off the location setting on their phones, and used encrypted messaging apps, VPNs and foreign SIM cards to communicate and organise protests, and document human rights abuses in the country.

"Even before the coup, there was an assumption that there was surveillance - it has just gotten much more heavy-handed and overt since February 1," said Debbie Stothard, founder of the Alternative Asean Network on Burma, an advocacy group.

Meanwhile, the United States yesterday imposed sanctions on seven individuals and two entities connected to Myanmar, the US Treasury said on its website.

A court will start an election fraud trial of Myanmar's deposed leader Aung San Suu Kyi on February 14, a source familiar with the proceedings said yesterday, after she was accused of influencing the 2020 vote to win a second term in office.

Suu Kyi faces trial in more than a dozen cases and so far has been sentenced to a combined six years in detention by a court in the capital Naypyitaw.



Service members of a mechanised brigade of the Ukrainian Armed Forces drive Armored personnel carrier (APC) during military exercises outside Kharkiv, Ukraine yesterday. The Russian and US foreign ministers are set to hold fresh talks today after a UN Security Council meeting on Ukraine crisis. PHOTO: AFP

# Taliban killed 100 ex-Afghan govt officials

Says UN report; Biden calls for release of US hostage in Afghanistan

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The Taliban and their allies have killed more than 100 security and civilian personnel linked to the former US-backed Afghan government since seizing power in August, according to a new United Nations report.

The report, an advance copy of which was seen by AFP on Sunday, describes severe curtailing of human rights by Afghanistan's fundamentalist new rulers.

Taliban officials yesterday rejected the claims, insisting that the reported deaths were linked to "personal enmity" cases and were under investigation.

"The Islamic Emirate has not killed anyone since the amnesty was announced," the interior ministry said on Twitter. The UN report said that, in addition to the political killings, women's freedoms and the right to protest had also been curbed.

Despite the Taliban's promise of general amnesties, the United Nations Assistance Mission for Afghanistan "continued to receive credible allegations of killings, enforced disappearances, and other violations", the report said. The UN said its Afghan mission had received more than 100 reports of killings that it deems credible.

US President Joe Biden on Sunday called on Afghanistan's Taliban rulers to release a US civil engineer who was abducted two years ago and is believed to be the last American hostage held by the Taliban, reports Reuters. Mark Frerichs, 59, was kidnapped a month before the February 2020 US troop pullout deal was signed and was transferred to the Haqqani network.

# UK PARTYGATE REPORT Gatherings represent serious failings

REUTERS, London

A report into parties held at British Prime Minister Boris Johnson's Downing Street office during coronavirus lockdowns said yesterday some gatherings represented a serious failing by those working at the heart of government.

"At least some of the gatherings in question represent a serious failure to observe not just the high standards expected of those working at the heart of Government but also of the standards expected of the entire British population at the time," the report by senior civil servant Sue Gray said.

"The excessive consumption of alcohol is not appropriate in a professional workplace at any time. Steps must be taken to ensure that every government department has a clear and robust policy in place covering the consumption of alcohol in the workplace."

# Govt misled parliament Says Indian opposition over spyware use

REUTERS, New Delhi

Indian opposition parties said yesterday they will move parliamentary motions accusing the government of providing misleading information around the use of technology from Israeli spyware firm NSO Group.

The New York Times reported on Friday that India purchased NSO's Pegasus software as part of a \$2 billion weapons package in 2017.

The government has previously denied reports it used Pegasus to spy on activists, journalists and politicians.

"This government is misleading the House, the Supreme Court, the people... as opposition, it's our responsibility to raise this issue," Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, leader of the opposition Congress in parliament's lower house, told local media.

The Trinamool Congress, a second opposition party, said it would move a similar motion in the a session of India's parliament, that began yesterday.

The investigation published by The New York Times Magazine has found that Israel, which controls the export of the spyware, just as it does the export of conventional weapons, has made Pegasus a key component of its national security strategy, using it to advance its interests around the world. The yearlong investigation, by Ronen Bergman and Mark Mazzetti, also reports that the FBI bought and tested NSO software for years with plans to use it for domestic surveillance until the agency finally decided last year not to deploy the tools.

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Memo No. 46.207.000.12.05.2596.2022

### Corrigendum Notice

This is to inform all concerned that tender notice Memo No. 46.207.000.12.05.2581.2021, Date: 20/01/2021 the following corrigendum is as follows:

Sl. No.	Package No.	Identification of lot	Existing date & time	Amendment date & time
1.	epg/dscc/mwm/d/21-22/4/P04	Tender ID No. 647953 Cleaning work of Uttar Kutubkhal, Khal, Mridha Bari Khal & Matuail Kabarthan Khal (Package-Gha)	Document last selling date & time 06/02/2022 up to 05:00pm	16/02/2022 up to 05:00pm
			Closing date 07/02/2022 up to 02:00pm	17/02/2022 up to 02:00pm

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.

The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank's branch.

Further information and guideline are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)).

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Memo No. CEDP/PGC/2021-22/10 Date: 29/01/2022

### e-Tender Notice-04/2021-2022

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of following package:

Sl. No.	Tender ID No.	Name of supply	Last date and time of tender security submission	Tender closing date & time
1.	653196	Procurement and Installation of Sound System for Classrooms, Multi-purpose ICT Lab, Auditorium and Conference Room of Patiya Govt College, Chattogram.	16-02-2022 01:00pm	16-02-2022 02:00pm

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copy will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.

The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered banks' branches up to 4.00pm, 15 February, 2022.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)).

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### Invitation for Tender

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Education.
2.	Agency	Chittagong Medical University.
3.	Procuring entity name	Dr. Bidduth Barua, Deputy Director, Chittagong Medical University.
4.	Procuring entity district	Chattogram.
5.	Invitation for	Exam Related Printing Service.
6.	Invitation Ref No.	CMU/Procure/2021-22/IFT/SR-05/01
7.	Date	31/01/2022
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>		
8.	Procurement method	Open Tender Method (OTM).
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>		
9.	Budget and source of funds	GOB.
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>		
10.	Tender Package No.	SR-05
11.	Tender package name	Exam Related Printing Service.
12.	Eligibility of tenderer	i. Experience of supplying providing similar services as below for three years with liquid assets of Tk 15,00,000/- (fifteen lac). ii. Specific experience of at least one job within last 3 years, worth of Tk 10,00,000/- (ten lac). iii. Relevant documents according to the list mentioned in Tender Document.
13.	Brief description of service	i. Printing various types of answer Sheets for MBBS, B.Sc Nursing Professional exams. ii. Printing Mark sheets, Application forms. iii. Printing exam related envelopes. iv. Relevant Stationaries.
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>		
14.	Tender publication date	01/02/2022
15.	Tender last selling date	13/02/2022
16.	Tender closing date and time	14/02/2022 12:00pm
17.	Tender opening date and time	14/02/2022 2:00pm
18.	Name & address of the office(s)	Address
19.	-Selling tender document	Chittagong Medical University, Level-03, BITID Building, Faujdarhat, Salimpur, Chattogram Deputy Director's (Planning & Development) Room Procurement Officer's Room.
20.	-Receiving tender document	Chittagong Medical University, Level-02, BITID Building, Faujdarhat, Salimpur, Chattogram Deputy Director's (Planning & Development) Room.
21.	-Opening tender document	Deputy Director's (Planning & Development) Room.
22.	Price of tender document (Tk)	1000 (one thousand Taka).
23.	Lot No. Identification of lot	Location Tender security amount (Tk) Completion time in weeks/ months
24.	1 SR-05/11/01	BITID Building, Salimpur, Faujdarhat, Chattogram 50,000 (fifty thousand Taka) 3 (three) weeks
25. The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders of annul the tender proceedings.		
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>		
26.	Name of official inviting tender	Dr. Bidduth Barua
27.	Designation of official inviting tender	Deputy Director, Chittagong Medical University.
28.	Address of official inviting tender	1st Floor, BITID Building, Faujdarhat, Salimpur, Chattogram.
29.	Contact details of official inviting tender	01309-034100, Email <a href="mailto:bb_d.d@cmu.edu.bd">bb_d.d@cmu.edu.bd</a>
30. The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings.		

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